

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 36, lines 22-29, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 22 and ending on line 29 with the following amended paragraph:

The sequence for Kv3.4a is in Gene Bank under accession number X62841 (SEQ ID NO:6; gtgcgcttct ctgtcttctt ggggttgggg ggggcgtgtc cccggcccgg agcatccttg tgcctgcctc aaccttctga gaccccgac cccttggatt gagtcctcga ccctggcttt caccctctgc ctccccagg ttcttctgc caaatccaa ccacctgtgc accacaaaa gccaaactct cctgtccga gccccggggg ggtgggggtg gggggaggca ggggcagagc cactctgcag aagggggcgc caccacctcc tgcctctcc tcttccacca cctctctc cttctctgt cctccccctc cccgttctga cgtgcctcc ttgggaaggg tgttggagg gcagcggccg cccaagccg gagccccga gcgcttctta tgatcagctc ggtgtgtgtc tcttctacc gcgggcgcaa gtcggggaac aagcctccgt ccaaaacatg tctgaaggag gagatggcca agggcgaggc gtcggagaag atcatcatca acgtgggcgg cagcgacat gagacctacc gcagaccct gcgcacccta ccgggcaccc gccctgcctg gctggcggat cccgacggcg ggggtcggcc agagtcggat ggcggcggtg caggcagcag cggcagcagc ggcggcggcg ggggctgtga gttctcttt gatcggcacc cgggtgttt tgcctatgtg ctcaactact accgcacggg caagctgcat tgcctcgag acgtctgtgg gcctctcttt gaggaagagc tcactttctg gggtatcgat gagacagatg ttgaacctgt ctgtggatg acctaccggc agcaccgca tctgaagag gcactggaca tcttcgagag cccggacggg ggcgggggtg gcgcagggcc cggcgacgag gctggagacg atgagcggga gttggccttg cagcgccctg gccccatga aggaggctct ggccttggtg ctgggtccgg ggggtgccgt ggctggcagc cccgaatgtg ggcgctcttc gaggacctgt actatcccc ggcggccagg gtgtagcct ttgcctctct cttctctc ttgtctcca ttaccacct ctgcctggag acccagagg ccttcaacat tgaccgaaat gtgacggaga tccaccgggt agggaatct accagcgtgc gcttccggcg ggaggtagaa acagaaccca ttctaccta catcgaggc gtgtgcgtga tgtggttac tctagagttc ctggttcgca ttgtgtgtg cctgatacg ttgactttg tcaagaacct gctcaacatc atgcacttg tggccatctt gccctttac ctggaggtgg gattgagtg cctgtcatcc aaggcagctc gagatgtgt ggttttctg cgtgtgtgtc gcttgtacg catctgcgg atcttcaagc tcacacgcca ctttgggg ctgctgtgc tggccacac actccgggcc agcaccaacg agttcctgtc gcttatcct tcttggccc tgggtgtgt catcttggc accatgatct attatgtga gcgaatcgg gccaggccat ctgaccacg gggcaatgac cacaccgact tcaagaacat ccccatcggt ttctgggtgg ctgtgtgtac catgacaacg cttggctatg gggacatgta tcttaagaca tggtcaggaa tctgtgtgg tgcgtgtgt gcactggctg gtgtgttaac cattgccatg cctgtgcctg tcatgtcaa taactttggt atgtactact ccctggctat ggccaagcag aagcttcca agaaacgaa gaagcatgta ccacggccac

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 agtcagttga aggcacgatt gcccttctgg ggtcactgct tctactagc). The sequence for Kv3.4c is identical to the

Kv3.4a sequence except that 62 bp (position 2222-2283) of Kv3.4a are absent in Kv3.4c. As a result of this alternative splicing, the first 608 amino acids of both variants are identical, but the last 17 (for variant a) and 19 (for variant c) amino acids are completely different. Both variants are described by Rudy and colleagues in Veaga-Saenz de Miera E. et al. (1993) Shaw-related K channels in mammals. in Handbook of Membrane Channels: Molecular and Cellular Physiology. (Peracchia C, ed. Academic Press, Orlando) pp 41-78.